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Sir:

The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application telephoned applicants' representatives on July 15, 2002, to communicate a restriction requirement between Group I, claims 1-9 and Group II, claims 10-26.

In response to that restriction requirement, applicants' undersigned representative made a provisional election during a telephone conference with the Examiner on July 17, 2002 to prosecute the invention of Group 1 (i.e., claims 1-9) in this application. Applicants' undersigned representative hereby confirms that this provisional election was specifically made with traverse, since no adequate basis therefor has yet been set forth in the record.

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